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THE

# DECLARATION OF FAITH

WITH THE

## LIST OF MEMBERS

OF THE

Pleasant St.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH,

2d.

WORCESTER. Mass.

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH.

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At a meeting of the First Baptist Church in Worcester, Nov. 9th, 1841, the subject of forming a second Baptist Church was introduced. [Several years previous to this, a plan for the same object had been matured, and some steps taken to carry it unto execution, but owing to the loss of the meeting-house by fire, the project, for the time, was abandoned.]

After a full discussion it was voted unanimously, that "it is expedient to attempt to sustain a second Baptist interest in this town;" and a committee of *seven* was appointed to devise the best means for accomplishing this object. At a subsequent meeting, five of this committee, viz. Daniel Goddard, Wm. W. Patch, Richard P. Noyes, Jeremiah Bond, and Austin G. Fitch, came forward and pledged themselves, to be responsible for the support of a second Baptist meeting for one year.

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It should here be recorded to the praise of God that the whole course of proceeding, in separating from the First church and in forming the Second, was characterised by a great degree of harmony and brotherly love. And that the Lord approved the measure and bestowed his blessing upon it, is indicated by the fact that five months have not yet elapsed since our organization, and nearly one hundred members have been added to our number, more than half of whom have been added by baptism, as will be seen by the following list of members.

The public services on the Sabbath were held in the lower Town Hall until May 8th, when for want of room to accommodate the congregation on the



Sabbath, our meeting was removed to the spacious Hall above.

Thus the church has lengthened her cords, and our hope is that the Lord will strengthen her stakes.

Worcester, May 19, 1842.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We believe that the HOLY BIBLE was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect rule of faith and practice; and that among others, it teaches the following all-important truths :

2 Tim. 3 : 16 and 17. 2 Pet. 1 : 21. 1 Pet. 1 : 10 and 11. 2 Sam. 23 : 2. Acts 1 : 6, and Acts 3 : 21.

### ARTICLE I.

The existence of one only living and true God, infinite in every natural and moral perfection, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in every divine perfection.

Mark 12 : 29, 32. 1 Tim. 2 : 5. Jas. 2 : 19. Ex. 20 : 1, 2, 3. Isa. 46 : 9. Ps. 95 : 3. Isa. 9 : 6. John 1 : 1, 2, 3, 4. John 5 : 23. John 10 : 30. Math. 28 : 19. 2 Cor. 13 : 14. 1 John 5 : 7.

### ARTICLE II.

That man was created in a holy and happy state, but by disobedience to the law of his Creator, he not only exposed himself to personal misery, but involv-



ed his whole posterity in the temporal and eternal consequences of sin ; and as an effect of his apostacy, the whole human race possess a depraved and degenerate nature, by which they are wholly disinclined to every thing morally good, and prone to choose and delight in that which is evil.

Gen. 1 : 27. Ecc. 7 : 29. Gen. 3 : 6 and 7. Gen. 2 : 17. Rom. 5 : 12, 19. 1 Cor. 15 : 21, 22. Ps. 2 : 5. Ezek. 16 : 3 to 6. Isa. 1 : 6. Rom. 3 : 10. Tit. 1 : 15, 16. Gen. 1 : 28. Ps. 15 : 3.

### ARTICLE III.

That the only way of salvation from this state of guilt and condemnation, is through the righteousness and atonement of JESUS CHRIST ; who as the good shepherd, laid down his life for his sheep ; and that those only who receive the gift of repentance and faith in Him will be finally saved by his atonement.

Isa. 53 : 4 to 12. Dan. 9 : 24, 26. John 10 : 9, 10, 11, 15. Acts 4 : 11, 12. Acts 5 : 31. Rom. 5 : 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 21. Rom. 6 : 23. Rom. 3 : 21 to 26. John 3 : 18, 36. Luke 13 : 3, 5.

### ARTICLE IV.

That all who ever have been or ever will be brought to repentance and faith in the Savior, were chosen in Christ to salvation before the foundation of the world ; and that in consequence of the eternal love of God to them through the atonement, the Holy Ghost is sent to effect the work of regeneration in their hearts, without whose regenerating influence, none would ever repent or believe.

Jer. 31 : 3. John 15 : 16. John 17 : 6. Isa.



41: 8, 9. Eph. 1: 4, 5, 11. 1 Pet. 1: 2. Rom. 9: 11, 12, 23. Rom. 8: 29, 30. Rom. 11: 5, 7. John 14: 16, 17, 18, 26. John 15: 26. John 16: 7, 8, 13, 14. John 3: 3. Ps. 51: 10. John 6: 63. Rom. 6: 22. 1 Cor. 2: 10, 11, 12. 2 Cor. 4: 6. Col. 1: 11, 12, 13. Eph. 2: 1 to 10. 2 Tim. 1: 9. Tit. 3: 5.

#### ARTICLE V.

That nothing can finally separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by His mighty power through faith unto eternal salvation.

Deut. 23: 3. Cant. 8: 6, 7. John 6: 37. John 13: 1. John 10: 28, 29, 30. 1 Pet. 1: 5. Heb. 6: 17, 18. John 17: 2, 3.

#### ARTICLE VI.

That all real believers are justified only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, without the consideration of any works of righteousness done by them, and that the full and free pardon of their sins and transgressions, is only through the merits of Christ according to the riches of his grace.

Rom. 3: 28. Rom. 4: 6. Rom. 5: 16, 19. Rom. 3: 25. Eph. 1: 7. Col. 2: 13. 1 John 1: 7, 9.

#### ARTICLE VII.

That although a full assurance of our interest in Christ, is not always the immediate consequence of saving faith; yet, as it is an inestimable blessing enjoyed by many in this life, we esteem it to be the indispensable duty of believers to give all diligence to make their calling and election sure: that thereby their hearts may be enlarged with gratitude





to God, and inspired with holy alacrity in all the duties of evangelical obedience.

1 John 2: 3. 1 John 5: 13. Rom. 5: 2. Rom. 8: 16. Job 19: 25. Heb. 6: 11. 2 Pet. 1: 10.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel: that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of any sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

Rev. 22: 17. Isa. 55: 1. Luke 1: 17. Rom. 16: 26. Rom. 1: 15, 17. John 5: 40. Matt. 23: 37. Rom. 9: 32. Prov. 1: 24. Act. 13: 46. John 3: 19. Mat. 11: 20. Luke 19: 27. 2 Thess. 1: 8.

#### ARTICLE IX.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; as a preparation for that "rest which remaineth for the people of God."

Acts 20: 7. Gen. 2: 3. Col. 2: 16, 17. Mark 2: 27. John 20: 19. 1 Cor. 16: 1, 2. Ex. 20: 8. Rev. 1: 10. Ps. 118: 24. Isa. 58: 13, 14. Isa. 56: 2, 8. Ps. 118: 15. Heb. 10: 24, 25. Acts 11: 26. Acts 13: 44. Lev. 19: 30. Ex. 46: 3. Luke 4: 16. Acts 17: 2, 3. Ps. 26: 8. Ps. 87: 2.



## ARTICLE X.

That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Christ, to be continued until his second coming. That none have a scriptural right to baptism until they profess their faith in Christ; that the ordinance of Baptism can be properly administered only by immersion; and is by scripture example a prerequisite to communion at the Lord's table.

Matt. 28: 19, 20. 1 Cor. 11: 23, 26. Acts 2: 41, 42. Acts 9: 18, 26. Mark 16: 16. Acts 8: 12, 36, 37. Acts 16: 31, 34. Acts 13: 8. Matt. 3: 6, 16. John 3: 23. Rom. 6: 4. Col. 2: 12.

## ARTICLE XI.

That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only proper officers are pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

1 Cor. 1: 1, 13. Mat. 18: 17. Acts 5: 11. Acts 8: 4. 1 Cor. 4: 17. 1 Cor. 14: 23. 1 Tim. 3: 5. Acts 2: 41, 42, 47. 2 Cor. 8: 5. 1 Cor. 11: 2, 23. 2 Thess. 3: 6. Rom. 16: 17, 20. Mat. 18: 15, 20. Mat. 28: 20. John 14: 15. Eph. 4: 7. Phil. 1: 1. Acts 15: 22. 1 Tim. 3. Titus 1. 2 Cor. 2: 7.

## ARTICLE XII.

That the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and



raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.

1 Pet. 4: 7. 1 Cor. 7: 29, 31. Heb. 1: 10, 12. Mat. 24: 35. 1 John 2: 17. Mat. 28: 20. Mat. 13: 39 and 49. 2 Pet 3: 3, 13. Acts 1: 11. Rev. 1: 7. Heb. 9: 28. Acts 3: 21. 1 Thess. 4: 13, to 18. Acts 21: 15. 1 Cor. 15: 12, 59. Luke 14: 14. Dan. 12: 2. John 5: 28, 29. John 6: 40. John 11: 25, 26. 2 Tim. 1: 10. Acts 10: 42. Matt. 13: 49. Matt. 25: 35 to 41. Mark 9: 43 to 48. John 4: 36. Rom. 3: 5, 6. 2 Thes. 1: 6, 12. Acts 17: 31. Rom. 2: 2, 16. Rev. 20: 11, 12. 1 John 2: 8. 1 John 4: 17. 2 Pet. 3: 11, 12.

## COVENANT.

Now all and each of these doctrines and ordinances we look upon ourselves under the highest obligations to embrace, defend and maintain; believing it to be our duty to stand fast in one spirit, with one mind; striving together for the faith of the gospel.

And whereas, we are very sensible that our conversation both in the world and in the church ought to be as becometh the gospel of Christ, we deem it our incumbent duty to walk in wisdom towards them that are without, to exercise a conscience void of offence toward God and man, by living soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.

And as to our regards to each other in our church



communion, we esteem it our duty to walk with each other in all humility and brotherly-love, to watch over each other's conversation, to stir up one another to love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as we have opportunity, to worship God according to his revealed will ; and when the case requires, to warn, rebuke and admonish one another according to the rules of the gospel.

Moreover, we think it our duty to sympathise with each other in all conditions, both inward and outward, which God in his providence may bring us into ; as also to bear with one another's weaknesses, failings and infirmities, and particularly to pray for one another, and that the gospel and the ordinances thereof might be blessed to the edification and comfort of each other's souls, and for the conversion and gathering in of others to Christ. All which duties we desire to be found in the performance of, through the gracious assistance of the Holy Spirit ; whilst we both admire and adore the grace which has given us a name and a place in God's house better than that of sons and daughters.

Phil. 1 : 27. Jude 3. Col. 4 : 5. Acts 21 : 16. Tit. 2 : 12. Rom. 13 : 1, 7. Eph. 4 : 1, 3. Rom. 12 : 9, 10, 16. Phil. 2 : 2, 3. 1 Thes. 5 : 14. Rom. 15 : 14. Matt. 10 : 8. Rom. 15 : 1. Col. 3 : 13. 2 Thess. 3 : 1.





## **Duty of Members who Remove.**

1. *Resolved*, that when members remove from this place expecting after a few months to return, it is their duty to take a letter of recommendation for occasional communion, to some Baptist church in the neighborhood of their temporary residence.

2. *Resolved*, that when members remove without the expectation of soon returning, it is their duty to ask a letter of dismissal to another church; and that such as do not unite with another church should give information to this church of their residence and spiritual condition on or before the first day of August in every year.



## OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

ELD. JOHN JENNINGS, *Pastor.*

DANIEL GODDARD,	}	<i>Deacons.</i>
JEREMIAH BOND,		
MARTIN JACOBS,		

CHARLES H. HILL, *Clerk and Treasurer.*

## LIST OF MEMBERS.

1. Warren S. Abbot, from 1st church, Worcester.  
Died Jan. 7, 1842.
2. Mrs. Sarah B. Abbot, " "
3. Willard E. Allen, " "
4. Seth J. Axtelle, from 1st church, Grafton.
5. Mrs. Lucy B. Axtelle, " "
6. Dea. Jeremiah Bond, from 1st church, Worcester.
7. Mrs. Lucy S. Bond, " "
8. Hollis Ball, " "
9. Mrs. Camelia H. Ball, " "
10. Miss Lucy Ann Ball, " "
11. Miss Eugenia D. C. Ball, " "
12. Charles Ballard, " "
13. Edwin Crosby, " "
14. Thomas Crosby, " "
15. Ebenezer Cox, " "



16. Mrs. Mary Cox, from 1st church, Worcester.
17. Miss Salome A. Cox, since withdrawn from  
the church.
18. Miss Louisa Jane Cox, " "
19. Levi Coes, " "
20. Mrs. Keziah W. Coes, " "
21. Mrs. Jemima Coes, " "
22. Miss Rebecca S. Coes, " "
23. William Campbell, from 3d chh. Lowell.
24. Thomas E. Daniels, from 1st chh. Worcester.
25. Mrs. Lucy S. Daniels, " "
26. Benjamin Drury, " "
27. Mrs. Anna Drury, " "
28. Austin G. Fitch, " "
29. Samuel Fisk, " "
30. Eli Fairbanks, " "
31. Mrs. Abigail Fairbanks, " "
32. Dea. Daniel Goddard, " "
33. Mrs. Sarah W. Goddard, " "
34. Eld. Luther Goddard, " "
- Died May 25, 1842.
35. Miss Caroline E. Goddard, " "
36. Miss Sarah M. Goddard, " "
37. Daniel R. Goodell, " "
38. Mrs. Martha C. Goodell, " "
39. Miss Urana Gates, " "
40. Miss Violetta Gates, " "
41. Miss Mary Gates, " "
42. Miss Eleanor Gates, " "
43. Nathaniel P. Gates, " "
44. Mrs. Elizabeth Gates, " "



45. Peter Goulding, from 1st church, Worcester.
46. Mrs. Prudence Goulding, " "
47. Miss Fidelia Goulding, " "
48. Jonas Hartshorn, " "
49. Mrs. Laura Ann Hartshorn, " "
50. Lyman Howe, " "
51. Charles M. Holbrook, " "
52. Mrs. Ann Eliza A. Holbrook, " "
53. Charles H. Hill, " "
54. Mrs. Eunice E. Hill, " "
55. Miss Lydia W. Johnson, " "
56. Dea. Martin Jacobs, from 1st chh. Grafton.
57. Mrs. Betsey Jacobs, " "
58. Miss Sarah Jacobs, " "
59. Leonard Kimball, from 1st chh. Worcester.
60. Mrs. Harriet Kimball, " "
61. Horace Lamb, " "
62. Asa Lewis, " "
63. Orville Lothrop, " "
64. Mrs. Lucy Lothrop, " "
65. Jonathan Lyon, jr. " "
66. Mrs. Everline Lyon, " "
67. Isaac Lamb, " "
68. Mrs. Betsey Lamb, " "
69. Richard P. Noyes, " "
70. Mrs. Elizabeth Noyes, " "
71. Samuel Noyes, " "
72. Miss Elizabeth Noyes, " "
73. Samuel D. Newton, from West Sutton.
74. Mrs. Almira K. Newton, " "





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| 75. William W. Patch, from 1st church, Worcester, |   |   |
| 76. Mrs. Sarah Patch,                             | " | " |
| 77. Miss Sarah Patch,                             | " | " |
| 78. Miss Caroline L. Patch,                       | " | " |
| 79. Miss Keziah Pierce,                           | " | " |
| 80. Miss Mary G. Parmenter,                       | " | " |
| 81. Josiah G. Perry,                              | " | " |
| 82. Mrs. Martha Perry.                            | " | " |
| 83. Miss Susan Putnam,                            | " | " |
| 84. Russel R. Shepard,                            | " | " |
| 85. Mrs. Sarah H. Shepard,                        | " | " |
| Died May 12, 1812.                                |   |   |
| 86. Mrs. Nancy H. Slater,                         | " | " |
| 87. Cyrus W. Stratton, from 1st church, Grafton.  |   |   |
| 88. William Tucker, from 1st church, Worcester.   |   |   |
| 89. Alexander Thayer,                             | " | " |
| 90. Mrs. Lucinda Thayer,                          | " | " |
| 91. Alden Thayer,                                 | " | " |
| 92. Mrs. Dolly Ann Thayer,                        | " | " |
| 93. Enos Thomas,                                  | " | " |
| 94. Mrs. Rachel Thomas,                           | " | " |
| 95. Joseph Willard,                               | " | " |
| 96. Mrs. Louisa Wood,                             | " | " |
| 97. Miss Phebe Young,                             | " | " |
| 98. Miss Betsey Young,                            | " | " |

The above 98 persons constituted the church at its organization—the following additions have been made since.

In the following list, the letter L. signifies added by Letter, and B. by Baptism.



## JANUARY, 1842.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 99. Miss Eliza Draper,      | L. from Leicester.     |
| 100. Nathaniel Gilmore,     | L. 1st chh. Worcester. |
| 101. Mrs. Esther Gilmore,   | L. " "                 |
| 102. Mrs. Martha L. Slater, | L. " "                 |
| 103. Miss Nancy Forbes,     | L. " "                 |
| 101. Miss Harriet Phelps,   | L. " "                 |
| now Mrs. Gray.              |                        |
| 105. Mrs. Lucretia Henry,   | L. " "                 |

## FEBRUARY, 1842.

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| 106. Allen Billings,       | L. N. Ipswich, N. H. |
| 107. Mrs. Emily R. Fisher, | L. Littleton.        |
| 108. Solomon Trask,        | L. 1st chh. Grafton. |
| 109. Clark Johnson,        | B.                   |
| 110. Latimer S. Barrows,   | B.                   |
| 111. John R. Willard,      | B.                   |
| 112. Mrs. Susannah Howe,   | B.                   |
| 113. Miss Lucy Willard,    | B.                   |
| 114. Miss Mary E. Patch,   | B.                   |

## MARCH, 1842.

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| 115. Eld. John Jennings,     | L. Grafton. |
| 116. Mrs. Susan C. Jennings, | L. "        |
| 117. Miss Lucy Goulding,     | L. Boston.  |
| 118. Miss Lydia Willard,     | B.          |
| 119. Miss Frances Gates,     | B.          |
| 120. Miss Urana Gates,       | B.          |
| 121. Levi Gates,             | B.          |
| 122. Levi Gates, jr.         | B.          |
| 123. George Burford,         | B.          |
| 124. Ora Munroe,             | B.          |
| 125. Mrs. Mary C. Fitch,     | B.          |



## APRIL, 1812.

126. Jonathan Gray,	L. 1st chh.	Wor.
127. Mrs. Esther Gray,	L.	" "
128. Benjamin S. Childs,	L.	" "
129. Mrs. Avis Childs,	L.	" "
130. Christopher Gray,	L.	" "
131. Mrs. Martha Livermore,	L.	" "
132. Mrs. Sarah Bartlett,	L.	from Northboro'.
133. Mrs. Prudence Burford,	L.	1st chh. Grafton.
134. Ephraim Gates,	B.	
135. Henry Noyes,	B.	
136. Luther Goddard,	B.	
137. Isaac O. Munroe,	B.	
138. James B. Giles,	B.	
139. Mrs. Almira B. Giles,	B.	
140. Merrick H. Houghton,	B.	
141. Mrs. Elizabeth W. Houghton,	B.	
142. Miss Caroline P. Raymond,	B.	
143. Miss Ann Elizabeth Jacobs,	B.	
144. Miss Delia Augusta Jacobs,	B.	
145. Miss Marthy Drury,	B.	
146. Miss Rebecca Coes,	B.	
147. Mrs. Laura Willard,	from Methodist Church.	
148. Miss Emma Swana,	B.	
149. Miss Lucy Goddard,	B.	
150. Miss Elizabeth Rice,	B.	
151. Miss Elizabeth Thayer,	B.	
152. Miss Elizabeth Gray,	B.	
153. Mrs. Phebe Johnson,	B.	
154. Charles Flanders,	B.	
155. Hiram DeWit,	B.	



156. William Allen,	B.
157. George Thompson,	B.
158. Amos Wakefield,	B.
159. Francis P. Peabody,	B.
160. Elisha W. Thatcher,	B.
161. Albert Holbrook,	B.
162. Joel W. Marble,	L. from Millbury.
163. Lemuel H. Waters,	L. " Sterling.
164. Brigham Goss,	L. " 1st Wor.
165. Cyrus Stockwell,	L. " Athol
166. Mrs. Ruth Stockwell	L. " "

## MAY, 1842.

167. Obadiah Hadwin,	B.
168. Miss Mary L. Clark,	B.
169. Miss Asenath Hardy,	B.
170. Miss Sarah Ann Osgood,	B.
171. Mrs. Mary Ann Allen,	B.
172. Miss Elizabeth A. Slater,	B.
173. Miss Nancy C. Slater,	B.
174. Miss Mary J. Macullar,	B.
175. Benjamin Hutchinson,	B.
176. William Eaton, jr.	B.
177. Mrs. Hannah Eaton,	B.
178. Miss Ruth Bates,	L. Westboro',
179. Philander Tolman,	L. Sterling.
180. Mrs. Laura K. Tolman,	L. Royalston,

## JUNE, 1842.

181. Gardner Johnson, 2d.	B.
182. Charles Blanchard,	B.
183. James R. Noyes,	B.
184. Thomas M. Lamb,	B.





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| 185. William M. Lamb,      | B. |
| 186. Nathaniel C. Paine,   | B. |
| 187. Miss Louisa Gleason,  | B. |
| 188. Miss Lucia M. Draper, | B. |
| 189. Mrs. Mary Ann Marble, | B. |

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189. Mrs. Mary Ann Marble, B.

188. Miss Lucia M. Draper, B.

187. Miss Louisa Gleason, B.



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On the 27th of Nov. 1849, Rev. John Jennings resigned his charge as pastor. On the 14th of April following, Rev. Charles K. Colver of Watertown, accepted our call, and came among us as our pastor and teacher. Failing health obliged him to resign his place after a pastorate of four years. His faithful words, and his warm sympathy with many of our families in sorrows and bereavements, are not forgotten.

An invitation extended to Rev. Daniel W. Faunce to become pastor of the Church was accepted by him, and he entered on his duties with us, Sept. 1st, 1854. During the year 1856, our house of worship, was repaired and remodeled at a large expense. The change of grade in the street obliged us to take down and rebuild the front; the style of architecture was altered, and a tower was added.



Thus far hath the Lord blest us. A good congregation, a flourishing Sabbath School, a church increasing in numbers, and we would hope, in christian efficiency are the fruits of God's favor. In view of our past history, we offer the prayer: "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children, and let the beauty of the Lord our God, be upon us, and establish there the work of our hands, upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

Worcester, November, 1856.





## RULES CONCERNING ABSENT MEMBERS.

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1. *Resolved*, That when members remove from this place expecting after a few months to return, it is their duty to take a letter of recommendation for occasional communion, to some Baptist Church in the neighborhood of their temporary residence.

2. *Resolved*, That when members remove without the expectation of soon returning, it is their duty to ask a letter of dismissal to another Church; and that such as do not unite with another Church, should give information to this Church of their residence and spiritual condition on or before the first day of August, in every year.

3. *Resolved*, That six months absence from public services or communion of a resident member, is a matter for inquiry, and, without satisfactory reason therefor, such a member is a subject of discipline.



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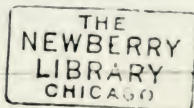
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## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We believe that the HOLY BIBLE was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect rule of faith and practice; and that among others, it teaches the following all-important truths:

2 Tim. 3: 16 and 17. John 5: 39. 2 Pet. 1: 21. 2 Tim. 3: 15. Acts 1: 16. Isa. 8: 20. 2 Sam. 23: 2. Prov. 30: 5, 6. John 10: 35. Luke 16: 29. Heb. 1: 1, 2.

## ARTICLE I.

The existence of one only living and true God, infinite in every natural and moral perfection, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in every divine perfection.

Mark 12: 29, 32. 1 Tim. 2: 5. Isa. 2: 19. Isa. 9: 6. John 1. 1, 2, 3, 4. John 5: 23. John 10: 30. Phil. 2: 5, 6. Heb. 1: 8. Acts 5: 3, 4. Matt. 28: 19.

## ARTICLE II.

That man was created in a holy and happy state, but by disobedience to the law of his Creator, he not only exposed himself to personal misery, but involved his whole posterity in the temporal and eternal consequences of sin; and as an effect of his apostacy, the whole human race possess a depraved and degenerate nature, by which they are wholly disinclined to every thing morally good, and prone to choose and delight in that which is evil.



Gen. 1: 27. Ecc. 7: 29. Gen. 3: 6, 24. Gen. 2: 17. Rom. 5: 12, 19. 1 Cor. 15: 21, 22. Isa. 1: 6. Rom. 3: 9, 19. Rom. 5: 12, 15, 19. Gal. 3: 10, 22. Ps. 51: 5. Eph. 2: 3.

#### ARTICLE III.

That the only way of salvation from this state of guilt and condemnation, is through the righteousness and atonement of JESUS CHRIST, who as the good shepherd laid down his life for his sheep; and that those only who receive the gift of repentance and faith in Him, will be finally saved by his atonement.

Isa. 53: 4 to 12. 1 Cor. 15: 3. 1 Pet. 2: 24. John 10: 9, 10, 11, 15. Acts 4: 11, 12. Acts 5: 31. Rom. 5: 6, 7, 8. Rom. 6: 23. Rom. 3: 21, 26. Heb. 9: 14. Eph. 1: 7. John 3: 16, 36. Luke 13: 3, 5. Heb. 2: 9. Mark 16: 16.

#### ARTICLE IV.

That all who ever have been or ever will be brought to repentance and faith in the Saviour, were chosen in Christ to salvation before the foundation of the world; and that in consequence of the eternal love of God to them through the atonement, the Holy Ghost is sent to effect the work of regeneration in their hearts, without whose regenerating influence, none would ever repent or believe.

2 Thes. 2: 13, 14. 2 Tim. 1: 8, 9. Eph. 1: 3, 11. 1 Pet. 1: 2. Rom. 8: 28, 31. Rom. 9: 11, 12. Rom. 11: 5, 6. Ex. 33: 18, 19. Acts 2: 23. Acts 13: 48. John 17: 6. John 14: 16, 17, 18, 26. John 15: 26. John 16: 7, 8, 13, 14. Ps. 51: 10. Ep. 2: 10. Titus 3: 5. 1 Cor. 4: 7. John 4: 44.



## ARTICLE V.

That nothing can finally separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by His mighty power through faith unto eternal salvation.

John 10: 28, 29, 30. Phil. 1: 6. Rom. 8: 35, 39. 1 John 2: 19, 26, 28. Heb. 6: 9, 17, 18. John 13: 1. 1 Pet. 1: 5. Jude 24, 25.

## ARTICLE VI.

That all real believers are justified only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, without the consideration of any works of righteousness done by them, and that the full and free pardon of their sins and transgressions, is only through the merits of Christ according to the riches of his grace.

Rom. 3: 28. Rom. 4: 6. Rom. 5: 9, 16, 19. Rom. 3: 25. Eph. 1: 7. Col. 2: 13. 1 John 1: 7, 9. Rom. 4: 24. Eph. 2: 7, 8.

## ARTICLE VII.

That although a full assurance of our interest in Christ, is not always the immediate consequence of saving faith; yet, as it is an inestimable blessing enjoyed by many in this life, we esteem it to be the indispensable duty of believers to give all diligence to make their calling and election sure; that thereby, their hearts may be enlarged with gratitude to God, and inspired with holy alacrity in all the duties of evangelical obedience.

2 Cor. 5: 1. 1 John 5: 13. Rom. 5: 2, Rom. 8: 16. 2 Pet. 1: 10.





## ARTICLE VIII.

That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of any sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

Isa. 55: 1. Rev. 22: 17. Acts 2: 37, 38, Acts 13: 46. Acts 11: 18. Acts 17: 30. John 6: 37. Mat. 11: 20. 2 Thes. 1: 8. John 3: 10. John 5: 40. Mark 1: 15. Rom. 1: 15, 16, Mat. 23: 37.

## ARTICLE IX.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; as a preparation for that "rest which remaineth for the people of God."

Acts 20: 7. Rev. 1: 10. Ex. 20: 8. John 20: 19. Mark 2: 27. Isa. 58: 13, 14. 1 Cor. 16: 2. John 20: 26. Acts 20: 7

## ARTICLE X.

That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Christ, to be continued until his second coming. That none have a scriptural right to Baptism until they profess their faith in Christ; that the ordinance of Baptism can be properly administer-



ed only by immersion ; and is by scripture example a pre-requisite to communion at the Lord's table.

Matt. 28 : 19, 20. Acts 8: 36, 37, 38. Rom, 6: 4. Col. 2: 12. Eph. 4: 5. Matt. 3: 5, 6, 16. John 3: 22, 23. Mark 16: 16. Acts 2: 38, 41, 42. 1 Cor. 11, 26, 28.

#### ARTICLE XI.

That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel ; observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word ; that its only proper officers are pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistle to Timothy and Titus.

1 Cor. 1: 1, 13. Mat, 18: 17. Acts 5: 11. 1 Cor. 4: 17. 1 Cor. 14: 23. 1 Tim. 3: 5. Acts 2: 41, 42, 47. 2 Cor, 8: 5. 1 Cor. 11: 2, 23. 2 Thess. 3: 6. Rom. 16: 17, 20. Mat. 18: 15, 20. Mat. 28: 20. Phil, 1: 1. Acts 15: 22. 1 Tim. 3. Titus 1.

#### ARTICLE XII.

That the end of the world is approaching ; that at the last day, Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place ; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy ; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.



1 Pet. 4: 7. 1 Cor. 7: 29, 31. Heb. 1: 10: 12. Mat. 24: 35. 1 John 2: 17. Mat. 28: 20. Mat. 13: 39, 49. 2 Pet. 3: 3, 13. Acts 1: 11: Rev. 1: 7. Heb. 9: 28. Acts 3: 21. 1 Thess. 4, 13, to 18. Acts 24: 15. 1 Cor. 15: 12, 59. Luke 14: 14. Dan. 12: 2. John 5: 28, 29. John 6: 40. John 11: 25, 26. 2 Tim. 1: 10. Acts 10: 42. Mat. 13: 49. Matt. 25: 35 to 41. Mark 9: 43 to 48. John 4: 36. Rom. 3: 5, 6. 2 Thes. 1: 6, 12. Acts 17: 31. Rom. 2: 2, 16. Rev. 20: 11, 12. 1 John 2: 8. 1 John 4: 17. 2 Pet. 3: 11, 12.

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## C O V E N A N T .

Now all and each of these doctrines and ordinances we look upon ourselves under the highest obligations to embrace, defend and maintain; believing it to be our duty to stand fast in one spirit, with one mind; striving together for the faith of the gospel.

And whereas, we are very sensible that our conversation both in the world and in the church ought to be as becometh the gospel of Christ, we deem it our incumbent duty to walk in wisdom towards them that are without, to exercise a conscience void of offence toward God and man, by living soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.



And as to our regards to each other in our church communion, we esteem it our duty to walk with each other in all humility, and brotherly-love, to watch over each other's conversation, to stir up one another to love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as we have opportunity, to worship God according to his revealed will; and when the case requires, to warn, rebuke and admonish one another, according to the rules of the gospel.

Moreover, we think it our duty to sympathize with each other in all conditions, both inward and outward, which God in his providence may bring us into; as also to bear with one another's weaknesses, failings and infirmities, and particularly to pray for one another, and that the gospel and the ordinances thereof, might be blessed to the edification and comfort of each other's souls, and for the conversion and gathering in of others to Christ. All which duties we desire to be found in the performance of through the gracious assistance of the Holy Spirit; whilst we both admire and adore the grace which has given us a name and a place in God's house better than that of sons and daughters.

Phil. 1: 27. Jude 3. Col. 4: 5. Acts 24: 16. Tit. 2: 12. Rom. 13: 1, 7. Eph. 4: 1, 3. Rom. 12: 9, 10, 16. Phil. 2: 2, 3. 1 Thes. 5: 14. Rom. 15: 14. Matt. 10: 8. Rom. 15: 1. Col. 3: 13. 2 Thess. 3: 1.

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